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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I get phone and internet service from Sonic.net, using AT&T infrastructure. I made the change in 2013, after 48 year of being overcharged by AT&T and its predecessor, PT&T. "Number portability" charges, surcharges for long distance service not used, gouging charges for calls to more than 5 miles from home and other charges for services not performed, meant that I could go to Sonic and get the same services, faster, for little more than I was paying for telephone service alone (at the time, about \$10/month more). THAT is the value of competition to me.

Reducing that competition will be bad for all users of telephone and internet services. It is in general detrimental to workers and customers alike when the competition is decreased, in any industry.

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